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NOTE VERBALE DATED 22 JANUARY 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF BENIN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Benin to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit to it below the message of the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Benin, concerning the situation in Yugoslavia - paragraph 5 (a) of Security Council resolution 724 (1991):

"I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of the text of Security Council resolution 724 (1991) on the situation in Yugoslavia which you transmitted to me.

The Republic of Benin remains deeply concerned about that situation, which is not only resulting in terrible suffering for the people of Yugoslavia but also constitutes a major threat to international peace and security.

I reaffirm the support of the State of Benin for any endeavour to achieve a peaceful, negotiated solution that will ensure that peace and security are restored in Yugoslavia.

Benin greatly appreciates all efforts by the international community and the United Nations in general, and by you in particular, to bring to an end the fratricidal conflict between Yugoslav communities.

The Republic of Benin therefore welcomes the decision to implement a general and complete embargo on all deliveries of weapons and military equipment to Yugoslavia contained in Security Council resolution 713 (1991).

I wish to inform you in this connection, in response to paragraph 5 (a) of Security Council resolution 724 (1991), that Benin does not maintain any relations with Yugoslavia that could lead to the provision of weapons and military equipment to that country.

(Signed) Théodore HOLO"